

Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/527,451 First Named Applicant: Giorgio Mari
Examiner: Sun U Kim Art Unit: 1797 Status of Application: Pending

Tentative Participants:

(1) Examiner Sun U. Kim (2) Mandy Jubang (45884)
(3) _____ (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: TBD Proposed Time: TBD (AM ☐/PM ☐)

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☒ Telephonic (2) ☐ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Rej</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>Stewart & Nishimura</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

☐ Continuation Sheet Attached

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

Even if the separation device 36 of Stewart's blood collecting system is replaced with the leukocyte filter of Nishimura as suggested by the Examiner in the final office action, the resultant system does not "[control] fluid flow from the collecting container to the first satellite container via the first conduit that includes the leukocyte filter," as required in amended claim 21. As can clearly be seen from FIG. 2 of Stewart, even if Stewart's "primary bag 16" is read as corresponding to the claimed "collecting container," Stewart's "transfer container 32" is read as corresponding to the claimed "first satellite container," and Stewart's separation device 36 is implemented as a leukocyte filter, Stewart's "second transfer path 38" does not allow fluids to flow from the primary bag 16 to the first satellite container via a conduit that includes the separation device 36. Rather, Stewart's "second transfer path 38" causes fluids to bypass the separation device 36 altogether.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____.

NOTE: This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

/Mandy Jubang/

Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature

Examiner/SPE Signature

Mandy Jubang

Typed/Printed Name of Applicant or Representative

45,884

Registration Number, if applicable